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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**of**  
**THE ARIZONA OUTDOOR RECREATION**  
**COORDINATING COMMISSION**  
**(AORCC)**  
**of**  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given to members of the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) and the general public that the Commission will hold a meeting open to the public on **Monday, November 5, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Arizona State Parks, in the Board Room located in the basement of 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix Arizona**, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-511.04 and A.R.S. § 41-511.25. You may attend this meeting via teleconference by dialing toll free 1-877-820-7831 and entering the participant code **613038**. (Note: You must enter the \* before and after the participant code.)

The Commission may go into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the State Parks Assistant Attorney General on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3). Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically noted to be set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken.

**AGENDA**

**(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda)**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

**B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**C. ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2012 meeting.**
- 2. Review and consider recommending to the Arizona State Parks Board the approval of the Land and Water Conservation Fund funding for the Lake Havasu State Park Project #04-00740.** The AORCC will review the agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service and Arizona State Parks for funding in the amount of \$1,473,478 to allow Arizona State Parks to continue development of the Lake Havasu State Park by constructing a boat launch, parking areas and restroom facilities at

- Windsor Beach Unit 4. Arizona State Parks will provide matching funds in the amount of \$1,473,478 to be provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The total estimated project cost is \$2,946,956.
3. **Consider approving the Final Draft of the 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).** Staff recommends AORCC approve the final draft of the 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and forward it to the Arizona State Parks Board for final adoption.
  4. **Consider funding the FY 2012/2013 Non-Motorized RTP Grants.** Staff recommends funding as many of the eligible non-motorized trail projects as possible beginning with the highest scoring projects until all allocated FY 2013 and FY 2014 Recreational Trails Program funds are obligated and forward it to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.
  5. **Consider funding FY 2012 Non-Motorized RTP Trail Maintenance Projects.** Staff recommends allocating \$190,165 to be allocated from the FY 2013 Recreation Trails Program Fund to fund five proposed non-motorized RTP Trail Maintenance projects. Staff further recommends funding as many additional projects as possible after July 1, 2013 using at least \$200,000 of the FY 2014 allocation, and using a lottery system designed to distribute the trail maintenance funding around the state to select the projects.
  6. **Consider funding the International Trails Symposium.** Staff recommends providing up to \$35,000 from the education portion of the FY 2013 Recreation Trails Program allocation to American Trails, Inc. to fund eligible scope items for the International Trails Symposium and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.

**D. REPORTS** – Commission and staff reports may be written or verbal.

1. Parks Board Actions on AORCC Items.

**F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – Consideration and discussion of comments and complaints from the public. Those wishing to address the Commission must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for future consideration at a later time.

**G. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF BOARD PROCEDURE, REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

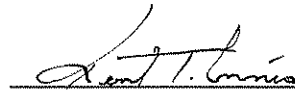
**H. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. Set meeting schedule for 2013

## I. ADJOURNMENT

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Commission is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks, Partnerships Division, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Doris Pulsifer at 602-542-7127.

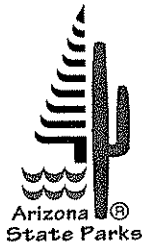
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Kent Ennis Deputy Director  
Arizona State Parks

Posted at: Arizona State Parks  
1300 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor

## Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC)

### Action Report Agenda Item #: C-2



Title: Consider Recommending Approval of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Funding for Lake Havasu State Park Project #04-00740  
Staff Lead: Jay Ream, Assistant Director  
Date: November 5, 2012

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#### **Recommended Motion:**

I move that AORCC recommend to the Arizona State Parks Board to accept the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior – National Park Service for Arizona State Parks LWCF project # 04-00740, for Lake Havasu State Park Boat Ramp at Windsor Beach, in the amount of \$1,473,478 to allow Arizona State Parks to continue development of the Lake Havasu State Park by constructing a boat launch, parking areas and restroom facilities at Windsor Beach Unit 4. Arizona State Parks will provide matching funds in the amount of \$1,473,478 to be provided by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The total estimated project cost is \$2,946,956.

#### **Status to Date:**

Arizona State Parks applied for LWCF funding in July 2012. The funding approval letter from U.S. Department of the Interior, Recreation Grants Division, was received by Arizona State Park on August 7, 2012.

The project has been in design phase for two months with Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) as the lead agency contracted with Dibble Engineering of Phoenix, AZ.

Logan-Simpson Design, Inc. a sub-consultant to Dibble Engineering is presently working with BLM and the Corps to acquire the appropriate permits for environmental clearances.

#### **Time Frame:**

The AORCC recommendations will be presented to the Parks Board at their December 05, 2012 meeting. The project will be completed and open to the public for outdoor recreational use by June 2014.

#### **Staff and Financial Resources:**

The total project design and construction will be managed and inspected ADOT.

#### **Relation to Strategic Plan:**

This project is part of Arizona State Parks long-range development plans along the Colorado River. The new boat launch ramp and parking areas will allow the public additional access to the Colorado River. The restroom facilities and other amenities are needed for the full use of the improvements.

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**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

None

**Attachments:**

Award Letter – U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service

LWCF Project Agreement - #04-00740



04-00737(MWR-P/G)

## United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

Midwest Region  
601 Riverfront Drive  
Omaha, Nebraska 68102-4226



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Ms. Doris Pulsifer  
Chief of Grants, Partnerships Division  
Arizona State Parks  
1300 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Ms. Pulsifer:

We are pleased to announce the approval of Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant number 04-00740, Lake Havasu State Park Boat Ramp at Windsor Beach, in the amount of \$1,473,478.00. This grant will allow the Arizona State Parks to continue the development of Lake Havasu State Park by constructing a boat launch ramp, parking areas, boat wash area, and restroom facilities at Windsor Beach Unit 4.

Enclosed are a copy of the project agreement, the Standard Form 424, the DNF, and the environmental determination. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Kelly Pearce at 402-661-1552.

Sincerely,

for

Robert Anderson  
Chief, Recreation Grants Division

Enclosures 3

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  
PROJECT AGREEMENT

(OMB No. 1024-0033, August 31, 2013)

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State:

ARIZONA

Project Number:

04-00740

Project Title:

LAKE HAVASU STATE PARK BOAT RAMP AT WINDSOR BEACH

Project Period:

DATE OF APPROVAL THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016

Proposal Scope (Description of Project):

Arizona State Parks will continue to develop Lake Havasu State Park by constructing boating and support facilities at Windsor Beach Unit 4.

The following are hereby  
incorporated into this agreement:

Total Project Cost      \$ 2,946,956.00

LWCF Amount              \$ 1,473,478.00  
(Fund amount not to exceed 50% of total)

1. General Provisions
2. LWCF State Assistance Program Manual
3. Project Application and Attachments
4. OMB Circular A-102
5. 43 CFR Part 12
6. 36 CFR Part 59

The United States of America, represented by the Director, National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior, and the State named above (hereinafter referred to as the State), mutually agree to perform this agreement in accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964), the provisions and conditions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance Program Manual, and with the terms, promises, conditions, plans, specifications, estimates, procedures, project proposals, maps, assurances, and certificates attached hereto or retained by the State and hereby made a part hereof.

The United States hereby promises, in consideration of the promises made by the State herein, to obligate to the State the amount of money referred to above, and to tender to the State that portion of the obligation which is required to pay the United States' share of the costs of the above project, based upon the above percentage of assistance. The State hereby promises, in consideration of the promises made by the United States herein, to execute the project described above in accordance with the terms of this agreement.

The following special project terms and conditions were added to this agreement before it was signed by the parties hereto:

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the date entered below.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE

By:

Carol A. Edmondson  
(Signature)

ARIZONA  
(State)

National Park Service  
Department of the Interior

Acting CHIEF, RECREATION GRANTS DIVISION

Doris Pulsifer  
(Signature)

Date:

July 27, 2012  
(entered by NPS)

John E. O'Leary  
(Name)

Alternate State Liaison Officer  
(Title)

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This form is necessary to provide data input into an NPS project database which provides timely data on projects funded over the life of the program. Such data is used to monitor project progress and to analyze program trends. A Federal Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Any comments on the burden estimate or other aspects of this collection of information may be addressed to the National Park Service, State and Local Assistance Programs Division, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.



# Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission Action Report

## Agenda Item #: C-3



Title: Consider Adopting The 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan  
Staff Lead: Dawn Collins, Research Project Manager  
Date: November 5, 2012

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### **Recommended Motion:**

I recommend AORCC adopt the 2013 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and forward it to the Arizona State Parks Board for approval.

### **Status to Date:**

Arizona is mandated by federal legislation to create a planning document called the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) once every five years to guide how federal Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) are granted. LWCF grants are for outdoor recreation facility development and open space acquisition projects. The fund was established in 1964 by Congress through Public Law 88-578, as amended, and receives its revenue primarily from the Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing. In Arizona, the pass-through LWCF grants and the SCORP planning process are administered by Arizona State Parks.

Arizona State Parks staff prepared the draft 2013 SCORP in the summer of 2012, with assistance from a 17-member Work Group comprised of outdoor recreation and natural resource professionals. The draft plan was available for public review and comment from September 7 through October 7, 2012. The draft plan was provided to the Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission (AORCC) on August 30, 2012 to receive comments.

### **Current Status**

Included with this report is the final draft of the 2013 SCORP. This plan version incorporates public comments received during the comment period. The final version will include some technical corrections and a few minor layout changes as needed.

NOTE: Once approved by the Arizona State Parks Board and accepted by the National Park Service, the 2013 SCORP will be available for download on the agency's website <http://azstateparks.com/publications/index.html> or a CD can be requested from Arizona State Parks.

**Time Frame:** Once adopted by AORCC, the final plan will be submitted to the Arizona State Parks Board at its December 5, 2012 meeting. The LWCF rating criteria outlined in this SCORP will become effective beginning on January 1, 2013. The approved 2013 SCORP will be submitted to the Governor for certification of adequate public involvement and the final submittal to the National Park Service will occur by December 31, 2012. Once accepted by the National Park Service, it will establish Arizona's eligibility to receive LWCF stateside grant dollars for the next five years.

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**Staff and Financial Resources:** Resources and Public Programs staff is responsible for the formation of the SCORP Working Group, facilitation of the SCORP planning process, writing the SCORP report, and seeking and incorporating public comment.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships Goal: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

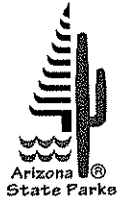
On March 21, 2012, the Arizona State Parks Board was presented with the proposed planning process for the 2013 SCORP.

**Attachments:**

2013 SCORP – (Adobe Acrobat Reader v8.0+ is required <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)

# Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission Action Report

## Agenda Item #: C-4



Title: Consider Funding The FY 2012/2013 Non-Motorized RTP Grants  
Staff Lead: Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator  
Date: November 5, 2012

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### **Recommended Motion:**

I recommend funding as many of the eligible non-motorized trail projects as possible beginning with the highest scoring projects until all allocated FY 2013 and FY 2014 Recreational Trails Program funds are obligated and that this recommendation be presented to the State Parks Board for final action.

### **Status to Date:**

On July 2, 2012 staff announced the opportunity to apply for funding for non-motorized trail projects from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Applications were accepted through August 17, 2012 and State Parks received, reviewed for eligibility, and rated twenty-six (26) applications utilizing the evaluation tool.

Since this was the first time RTP funds were offered for non-motorized trail grants, staff developed a process for rating the project applications based on a quantitative analysis of the types of project activities being proposed. The evaluation tool awards the most points to projects that accomplish the highest priority recommendations from the State Trails Plan. The State Trails Plan categorizes three levels of non-motorized trail priorities. The highest priorities include maintaining existing trails and protecting public access through land acquisition. Restoration efforts, new trail construction, signage, and support facility construction are secondary priorities, while educational programs and map printing are low priorities in the plan. With input from the Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT) additional project analysis awards bonus points to projects on trails in the State Trails System as well as projects proposing at least 10% in matching funds for the total project cost.

All of the projects are eligible for funding with minor adjustments for some scope items. The total amount requested for the twenty-six projects is \$1,936,507. Arizona Department of Transportation has allocated State Parks \$1,455,000 per year from the RTP to obligate for both motorized and non-motorized projects. Traditionally, we have split the funds evenly. However, depending on the demand for either motorized or non-motorized projects the proportion is allowed to go as high as 70%. The intent for this solicitation was to select projects for the 2013 and 2014 allocations. Also, approximately \$200,000 per year from these allocations will be used to fund the State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program.

Staff recommends funding as many projects as possible. The top seven scoring projects requesting \$497,102 can be funded with the 2013 allocation prior to July 1, 2013. One or two more projects could be funded if sufficient motorized projects are not ready prior to June 30th.

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Staff recommends funding as many additional projects as possible in the order of the rating score after July 1, 2013 using the 2014 allocation.

**Time Frame:** The staff and AORCC recommendations will be presented to the State Parks Board for final approval at their December 5, 2012 meeting. All projects must meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Projects will be notified when the NEPA is approved and funds are obligated. If a higher scoring project cannot meet the NEPA requirements in time to be funded before June 30th, a lower scoring project that has met the NEPA requirements will be funded. Staff will work with all project sponsors to get their NEPA approved as soon as possible so they can be funded as funds become available.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** Grants staff is responsible for soliciting grant projects and administering the awarded grants.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships Goal: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

On June 23, 2011, the Arizona State Parks Board approved a budget for the FY 2012 non-motorized trail program that included use of all available funds (not appropriated for other specific purposes).

**Attachments:**

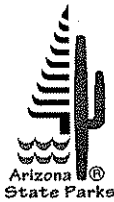
FY 2012/FY 2013 RTP Grant Project Proposals

**FY 2012 RTP NON-MOTORIZED PROJECT APPLICATIONS**

| RATING<br>SCORE | PROJ SPONSOR                                 | GRANT<br>REQUEST   | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|
| 34              | Clifton Ranger District                      | \$52,472           | Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails in the State Trails System: Highline Trail 41, Salthouse Trail 18, East Eagle Trail 33, and Lengthy Canyon 89.      |
| 34              | Springerville Ranger District                | \$45,712           | Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails include: East Baldy/East Fork 95, West Baldy/West Fork 94, East Baldy Connector Trail 96, Railroad Grade Trail 601. |
| 33              | Alpine Ranger District                       | \$71,986           | Trail renovation and maintenance, installation of signage and interpretive panels, and provide trail guides. Affected trails in the State Trails System: Foote Creek 76, Grant Creek 75, Cabin Shortcut 308, Upper Grant 65, and Steeple 73.     |
| 33              | Volunteers for Outdoor Arizona (VOAZ)        | \$100,000          | Realign, renovate, and maintain approximately 11 miles of the Highline National Recreation Trail.  |
| 32              | Black Canyon City Community Assn             | \$75,105           | Mitigate resource damage, provide support facilities (benches and shade structures), and provide trail signage on the Black Canyon Heritage Park Trail. A State Trail System trail.  |
| 31              | City of Holbrook                             | \$99,815           | Construct 7 miles of new trail in Hidden Cove Park, restore damage to aquatic and riparian areas, provide educational and wayfinding signs, and add support facilities including picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles.                  |
| 30              | Lake Havasu City                             | \$52,012           | Add an ADA restroom and drinking fountain, kiosk, trail signage and improve/cleanup existing trails at SARA Park.  |
|                 | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$497,102</b>   | <b>Recommended for funding before June 30, 2013.</b>   |
| 28              | Pine Strawberry Fuel Reduction, Inc.         | \$85,350           | Construct approximately 8 miles of new trail, mitigate resource damage, and install signage on the Pine Creek Trail.   |
| 27              | City of Bullhead City                        | \$93,552           | Construct a 1-mile 8' wide hard surface accessible interpretive trail in the Colorado River Nature Center. Support facilities will include benches and shade structures. Mitigation and restoration are included.                                |
| 26              | Coconino County                              | \$96,860           | Construct 6 miles of new trail in the Rogers Lake County Natural Area west of Flagstaff. Two trailheads with kiosks, bike racks, fencing, and signage are included.  |
| 25              | Graham County                                | \$100,000          | Renovate walking trail at Graham County Park. Mitigate resource damage, add a restroom and fitness stations, and sign the trail.   |
| 25              | Saguaro National Park                        | \$71,147           | Mitigate resource damage, renovate existing trail, reroute/construct .7 mi. of new trail, and replace signage on Carrillo Trail.   |
| 19              | Mesa Ranger District                         | \$59,300           | Remove deteriorated asphalt and construct sustainable trail. Mitigate resource damage in trail corridor and install signage.   |
|                 | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$506,209</b>   | <b>Recommended for funding after July 1, 2013.</b>   |
| 19              | International Mountain Bicycling Assn (IMBA) | \$99,400           | Construct a 6.6 mile section of the Prescott Circle Trail.   |
| 18              | Coconino National Forest                     | \$100,000          | New trail construction, cultural clearances, trail restoration, and signage on the Cornville Trail System.   |
| 18              | Community Forest Trust                       | \$19,495           | Trainings will build the number and professionalism of volunteers prepared to build, renovate and maintain trails in central Arizona.  |
| 17              | Maricopa County                              | \$100,000          | Construct a fenced primitive parking area to provide access to a new unnamed trail that connects to the Black Canyon Trail. Support facilities will include a restroom, kiosk, and signage.  |
| 17              | Town of Cave Creek                           | \$89,339           | Acquisition of three easements from the AZ State Land Dept. totalling 1.018 acres. Trail will connect Maricopa County Cave Creek Regional Park with the Desert Foothills Land Trust trail.   |
| 17              | Williams Ranger District                     | \$65,994           | Renovate Spring Valley Cross Country Ski Trail near Williams, AZ and mitigate resource damage in trail corridor  |
| 17              | Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Corp.   | \$100,000          | Construct .55 miles of 12' wide new trail in the West Wetlands and install signage and support facilities.   |
| 16              | Arizona Wilderness Coalition                 | \$40,889           | Trail renovation and maintenance on trails in Sierra Ancha, Mazatzal, Superstition and Four Peaks Wilderness areas. Develop a program to train volunteers to monitor trail conditions and forest health.   |
| 16              | Town of Quartzsite                           | \$97,538           | Add support facilities (bench, shade structure, trash receptacle) at three locations and a kiosk/map to Quail Trail.   |
| 15              | City of Yuma                                 | \$100,000          | Construct .75 miles of 12' wide new trail in the West Wetlands and install signage and support facilities.   |
| 14              | Mohave County                                | \$18,900           | Install a vault restroom at the Dolan Springs Trail System trailhead.  |
| 11              | American Trails                              | \$70,000           | Provide funding for International Trails Symposium to be held in Arizona in April 2013. Eligible costs include facilities, AV needs, staff coordination, and transportation to off-site workshops.   |
| 9               | North Kaibab Ranger District                 | \$31,641           | Replace trailhead and directions signs in Kanab Creek and Saddle Mountain Wilderness Areas.  |
|                 | <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$933,196</b>   |  |
|                 | <b>TOTAL REQUESTED FUNDS</b>                 | <b>\$1,936,507</b> |  |

## Arizona Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Commission Action Report

### Agenda Item #: C-5



Title: Consider Funding FY 2012 Non-Motorized RTP Trail Maintenance Projects  
Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, R & PP Section Chief  
Date: November 5, 2012

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#### **Recommended Motion:**

I move to recommend that for the FY 2012 RTP Trail Maintenance Program that the Arizona State Parks Board approve allocating from the FY 2013 RTP allocation a total of \$190,165 from the Recreation Trails Program Fund to fund the following five proposed non-motorized RTP Trail Maintenance projects: Bradshaw RD, Verde RD, Payson RD, Santa Catalina RD, BLM-San Pedro RNCA and Santa Catalina RD.

I further recommend funding as many additional projects as possible after July 1, 2013 using at least \$200,000 of the FY 2014 allocation, and using a lottery system designed to distribute the trail maintenance funding around the state to select the projects, and that both of these recommendations be forwarded to the Arizona State Parks Board for final action.

#### **Status to Date:**

The Arizona Department of Transportation has allocated State Parks \$1,455,000 per year from the RTP to obligate for both motorized and non-motorized projects. Traditionally, we have split the funds evenly. However, depending on the demand for either motorized or non-motorized projects the proportion is allowed to go as high as 70%. For this cycle \$500,000 of the allocation will be used to fund non-motorized grant projects.

The State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program utilizes contracted crews to provide basic trail maintenance and restoration activities. On July 2, 2012 staff announced the opportunity to apply for trails maintenance projects funded from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The intent for this solicitation was to select projects for the 2013 and 2014 allocations. Project sponsors must meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and provide at least 6% of the total projects costs.

State Parks received and reviewed sixteen State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program requests totaling \$608,665. Project funding is prioritized with the highest priority being those projects that did not receive funding since the last program cycle. The following four out of the sixteen proposed projects did not receive funding in the 2008 or 2010 program cycles: Bradshaw RD, Verde RD, Payson RD, Santa Catalina RD, BLM-San Pedro RNCA. One project (Santa Catalina RD) only received funding in the 2008 cycle. Staff recommends funding these five projects requesting \$190,165 with the FY2013 RTP allocation.

Staff further recommends funding as many additional projects as possible after July 1, 2013 using at least \$200,000 of the 2014 allocation. The projects will be selected by a lottery system designed to distribute the trail maintenance funding around the state.

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**Time Frame:** The staff and AORCC recommendations will be presented to the State Parks Board for final approval at their December 5, 2012 meeting. All projects must meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. Projects will be notified when the NEPA is approved and funds are obligated. If a selected project cannot meet the NEPA requirements in time to be funded before June 30th, another project who has met the NEPA requirements will be funded. Staff will work with all project sponsors to get their NEPA approved as soon as possible so they can be funded as funds become available.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** Grants staff is responsible for soliciting grant projects and administering the awarded grants.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships Goal: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

On June 23, 2011, the Arizona State Parks Board approved a budget for the FY 2012 non-motorized trail program that included use of all available funds (not appropriated for other specific purposes).

**Attachments:**

FY 2012 State Parks RTP Trail Maintenance Program

# **FY 2012 STATE PARKS RTP TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

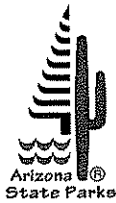
| PROJECT SPONSOR    | REQD FUNDS | PROJECT AREA  | LAST FUNDING |
|--------------------|------------|---|--------------|
| Bradshaw RD        | \$31,915   | Prescott Circle Trail   | NONE         |
| Payson RD          | \$40,000   | Donahue Trail 27, West Webber Trail 228, Turkey Springs Trail 217, East Webber Trail 289, See Spring Trail 185, Myrtle Trail 30, Babe Haught Trail 143, Horton Springs Trail 292, See Canyon Trail 184, Drew Trail 291  | NONE         |
| San Pedro RNCA     | \$38,250   | San Pedro Trail System  | NONE         |
| Santa Catalina RD  | \$40,000   | SCRD trails   | 2008         |
| Verde RD           | \$40,000   | Oxbow Trail 163, Tule Rim Trail 162, Coldwater Springs Trail 27   | NONE         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>    |            | <b>\$190,165</b>  |              |
| Cave Creek RD      | \$40,000   | Verde River Trail 11, Wet Bottom Trail 269, Highwater Trail 20  | 2008/2010    |
| Flagstaff RD       | \$40,000   | Arizona Trail, Eldon Lookout Trail  | 2010         |
| Globe RD           | \$40,000   | Telephone Trail 192, Pioneer Trail 196, Six Shooter Trail 197, Ice House Trail 198, Kellner Trail 242   | 2008/2010    |
| Hassayampa FO      | \$40,000   | Black Rock Mine Trail, Black Canyon Nat. Rec. Trail, Harquahala Peak Pack Trail   | 2008/2010    |
| Kingman FO         | \$40,000   | Cherum Peak Trail, Mohave Milltown Trail, Wabayuma Peak Trail, Monolith Gardens, Badger Trail, Castle Rock Trail, Missouri Springs Trail  | 2010         |
| Lost Dutchman SP   | \$40,000   | Prospector Trail, Crosscut Trail  | 2008/2010    |
| Mogollon Rim RD    | \$40,000   | U-Bar Trail 328, Barbershop Trail 91  | 2008/2010    |
| Pleasant Valley RD | \$40,000   | Grapevine Trail 135, Lucky Strike Trail 144, Boyer Trail 148, Park Trail 55   | 2008/2010    |
| Safford FO         | \$20,000   | Safford-Morenci Trail, Cottonwood Trail   | 2008/2010    |
| Scottsdale         | \$40,000   | Tom's Thumb Trail   | 2008/2010    |
| Tusayan RD         | \$38,500   | Tusayan RD: AZ Trail, Vishnu Overlook, Red Butte, Tusayan Mtn. Bike, Tes-X Nature Trails. Williams RD: Laws Spring, Overland, Keyhole Sink, City of Williams Link, Clover Spring, Scholz Lake, Kendrick Mtn., Deadman, Benham, Pumpkin, Bull Basin, Ponderosa, Dogtown Lake, Sycamore Rim, Parks Rest Area Nature, Beal Wagon, Davenport, Route 66 Hiking, Summit Mtn., Sycamore View, Bixler Saddle, Spring Valley Cross Country Ski, Connector Trails | 2010         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>    |            | <b>\$418,500</b>  |              |

**TOTAL REQUESTED  
FUNDS**

**\$608,665**



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Title: Consider Funding the International Trails Symposium  
Staff Lead: Doris Pulsifer, R & PP Section Chief  
Date: November 5, 2012

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**Recommended Motion:**

I recommend providing up to \$35,000 from the education portion of the FY 2013 Recreation Trails Program allocation to American Trails, Inc. to fund eligible scope items for the International Trails Symposium and that this recommendation be forwarded to the State Parks Board for final action.

**Status to Date:**

In early 2011 State Parks and other community partners submitted a proposal to bring the American Trails "National Trails Symposium" to Arizona. One resource State Parks offered the partnership was funding from the education portion of the annual Recreational Trails Program (RTP) appropriation from Federal Highways. At that time these educational funds were generally awarded to worthwhile projects proposed by agencies that partnered with State Parks through intergovernmental agreements. In July of 2011 State Parks and its partners learned that their proposal had been accepted and the, now "International Trails Symposium" would be held at Ft. McDowell in April 2013. In order to qualify for RTP education funding a proposal was required from American Trails identifying how much money they needed and how they planned to use the RTP funds.

Changes in the administration of the Recreational Trails Program put a cap on the amount of funds State Parks could obligate each year. On July 2, 2012 staff announced the opportunity to apply for funding for non-motorized trail projects from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Applications were accepted through August 17th. Since no proposal for funding the symposium had been received from American Trails and no contract had been executed, staff determined that American Trails should submit a grant application and compete for the funds.

This was the first time RTP funds were offered for non-motorized trail grants. Staff developed a process for rating the project applications based on a quantitative analysis of the types of project activities being proposed and using the priorities from the 2010 State Trails Plan. A tremendous need for trails money around the state produced an overwhelming response to the grant solicitation. Unfortunately, education projects are not high in the priorities, which resulted in a low score for the American Trails proposal.

The International Trails Symposium will bring a significant amount of recognition and revenue to Arizona. Staff wants to honor its initial commitment to its partners to insure the success of the symposium and recommends funding American Trails in the amount of up to \$35,000 for eligible costs under the education portion of the RTP.

**Time Frame:** The staff and AORCC recommendations will be presented to the State Parks Board for final approval at their December 5, 2012 meeting. Staff will work with

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American Trails to identify the best uses for the RTP funds and execute an appropriate contract.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** Grants staff is responsible for soliciting grant projects and administering the awarded grants.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships Goal: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

On June 23, 2011, the Arizona State Parks Board approved a budget for the FY 2012 non-motorized trail program that included use of all available funds (not appropriated for other specific purposes).

**Attachments:**

NONE